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## TELEGRAMS.

### COAL CRISIS.

#### A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 29, 6 p.m.

Everywhere there are signs of resumption, even in South Wales and Scotland. Lader Hartshorn, speaking at Mawlog, said that resumption would not mean surrender. It would merely be a test of what they had won. Other leaders recommend the men to give the Minimum Act a trial.

#### GOOD ADVICE.

Bombay, Mar. 30, 7.40 a.m.

The Secretary of the Miners' Federation advises the men to ballot for resumption.

The Scottish coal-owners have conferred and have arranged for the opening of the pits.

#### FUNDS EXHAUSTED.

Bombay, Mar. 29, 8.45 p.m.

The miners unions have disbursed £1,043,250 sterling in strike pay. The balance remaining is nominally £950,900, mostly belonging to Durham, Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The funds in North Wales, Warwickshire, Cumberland, Somerset and Bristol are exhausted, and others are vanishing. A number of collieries opened yesterday, and a few men offered to resume. Contrary to expectations, ten thousand Warwickshire miners have not resumed.

#### HELP FROM AUSTRALIA.

London, Mar. 29, 3.20 a.m.

The Sydney correspondent of Reuters says that Mr. J. McGowan, the Prime Minister, has telegraphed authorising the Agent General in London to expend £1,000 in providing 50,000 meals for sufferers from the coal strike.

#### LEADERS ADVISE RESUMPTION.

The men's leaders are now in their districts impressing the importance of the concessions gained, and are advising the men to return to work. A bare majority in the ballot will be sufficient to end the struggle. Attempts to send down a few men at Mawlog, Great Wyrley, and Walsall yesterday resulted in some rioting, during which the police were stoned. The miners at Chirk and Littleton were working quietly yesterday, in the presence of the troops.

## TELEGRAMS.

### CHINA IN TRANSITION.

#### SOOCHOW QUIET.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 30, 9.30 a.m.

A message from Soochow states that the mutinous soldiers have been suppressed. There have been wholesale executions of the looters. The Chamber of Commerce claims that \$4,000,000 has been looted.

#### DISORDER AT NANKING.

Bombay, Mar. 30, 7.40 a.m.

Reuters's correspondent at Nanking states that telegrams from Nanking report serious disorders. The soldiers are looting extensively.—Reuters.

#### YUAN INDISPOSED.

Shanghai, March 29.

President Yuan Shih-kai is indisposed and has summoned doctors from Chungking to attend him.

#### A TROUBLESOME APPOINTMENT.

Some differences of opinion exists over the appointment of a Minister of War and it bids fair to prove a bone of contention between the North and the South. The latter are anxious that Wong Hing should obtain the post, while the former desire the appointment of Tuan Ki-sui. So far no decision has been arrived at.

#### THE UNPOPULAR WONG.

A later telegram says that Tang Shao-yi is in favour of appointing Wong, and has communicated with the President on the matter. Yuan in a vigorous reply threatens to resign his post if the appointment of Wong be persisted in.

#### ACTIVE PARTIZANSHIP.

One of the generals has threatened to create trouble should Wong Hing not secure the appointment.

#### SUN CHAMPIONS WONG.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has requested the President to appoint Wong as chief advisor to the Army Board and to station him in the Southern provinces to control army affairs there.—Shui Po.

## TELEGRAMS.

### BRISBANE STRIKE.

#### PREMIER'S STRICTURES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 29, 6 p.m.

Reuters's correspondent at Brisbane says that the Premier, addressing a meeting at which he announced his policy, reviewed the recent strike circumstances as one of mingled cruelty, insolence, and stupidity.

#### LABOUR MEMBERS CONCERNED.

The Government had unsuccessfully appealed to the Commonwealth, but the police and the law-abiding citizens restored order and security. He emphasised the fact that a number of labour members were concerned in the strike.

#### PASSING JUDGMENT.

The Governor had given a dissolution to give the people a chance of passing judgment on the matter and he appealed for a Liberal majority to save Queensland from deadly syndicalism.—Reuters.

#### R. G. S. AWARDS.

#### MR. CLEMENTI HONOURED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 19, 4.55 a.m.

The Royal Geographical Society's awards are announced. They are as follows:—

Founder's Medal: Mr. Charles Montagu Doughty, M.A., who has published a number of books, including "Travels in Arabia Deserta" and "Wanderings in Arabia."

Painor's Medal: Mr. Douglas Carruthers, traveller in Mongolia and Turkestan, and explorer of the Ruwenzori mountain, Central Africa.

Victoria Research Medal: Mr. George Darwin.

Murchison Bequest: Captain Macfie, who is responsible for a Uganda topographical survey.

Gill Memorial: Captain Bailey, who has travelled in Brahmaputra and explored the Yang-tze.

Backe Bequest: Mr. Wallace, administrator in Rhodesia.

Cuthbert Peek Grant: Mr. Cecil Clementi, Hongkong.—Reuters.

## TELEGRAMS.

### WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

#### BILL REJECTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 29, 3.20 a.m.

The Conciliation Bill was rejected by 228 votes to 208, a result which occasioned great surprise and was received with enthusiasm.

The House of Commons gave second readings to similar Bills on Sept. 7, 1910, and Sept. 5, 1912, by large majorities. The minority included Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Lytton, Mr. Wyndham and the Labourites.

Amongst the majority were Mr. Asquith, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. F. E. Smith and the Nationalists. The Nationalists action is due to a desire to save the Government a week of Parliamentary time.

#### A DEMONSTRATION.

The militant suffragists held a demonstration at the Albert Hall. They included Mr. and Mrs. Pollock Lawrence, who were arrested following on the disturbances of the 3rd inst., and were released yesterday on £7,000 bail. A message was read defying the Government from Miss Christabel Pankhurst, who, on March 10, was reported to be still untraced, though it was stated she was to be arrested.

A record collection was made.—Reuters.

#### WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT.

London, Mar. 29, 4.30 p.m.

The Women's Suffrage Societies are staggered at the defeat of the Conciliation Bill, but they say that the result will not allay the agitation in the slightest degree.—Reuters.

## TELEGRAMS.

### HOME RACING.

#### "NATIONAL" RESULT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 30, 12.55 a.m.

The result of the race for the Grand National is as follows:—

Mr. Asheton Smith's Jerry M. (Piggott) 1

Mr. C. B. Ismay's Bloodstone (F. Lynam) 2

Lord Derby's Axle Pin (Anthony) 3

The betting was:—4 to 1 Jerry M.; 40 to 1 Bloodstone; 20 to 1 Axle Pin. The place betting was 5/4 against Jerry M.; others in proportion. Jerry M. won by six lengths; four lengths separated second and third. All the probable starters (twenty-four) started.—Reuters.

#### RACE DESCRIBED.

London, Mar. 29, 4.35 p.m.

When the field settled down Rathnally took the lead but fell at the third fence. Bloodstone took the lead at Baxley's Brook with Jerry M. well up. Two fences from home Jerry M. went to the front. Only seven horses completed the course.—Reuters.

#### CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, March 22.

The Army Board has communicated to the effect that it is the intention of the government to foster the production of sulphur and saltpetre in China. He is requested, therefore, to frame a list of regulations for the official control of the same, and to furnish a list of the places where these industries are carried on.

Yesterday a meeting of the shareholders in the Yuet Han Railway Company was held to elect a managing director for the year. By a large majority the retiring managing director, Jim Tin-yan was re-elected.

The government at Nanking has directed the Law Commissioner in Canton to publish a proclamation to the effect that none except crimes of a serious character will be punishable by death. Minor offences which are now punishable with floggings and the stocks will be dealt with by means of fines and imprisonment, at the same time officials are forbidden to torture suspects to extract confessions.

Under the old regime, the boat people, barbers, actors, and the yamen runners did not enjoy the same privileges as others. This disadvantage has been removed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and now they are able to take an active part in the election of deputies.

Many cases of daring smuggling and secret sales of arms and ammunition have come to the knowledge of the Commissioner for the Navy and it is found that many places on the delta are being used for landing the contraband. Accordingly the gunboat Klanchan has been told off to patrol the West River and the Peking to check these operations and, if possible, to capture the smugglers.

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## TELEGRAMS.

### STRIKERS PUNISHED.

#### FINED BY UNION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 29, 4.50 a.m.

Reuters's correspondent at Walsington says the Tramwaymen's Union have fined a hundred of their members for breach of the Arbitration Act by instigating the recent strike.

#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

[From Manila Papers.]

Washington, March 23.

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### GERMANY AND CANADA.

#### TOWARDS RECIPROCIITY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 29, 6 p.m.

Reuters's correspondent at Ottawa states that Germany has again approached Canada with a view to reciprocity arrangements.—Reuters.

#### BILLIARD EXPERTS AT LAW.

£1,500 Verdict Against Gray.

John Roberts, the veteran billiard player, obtained a verdict for £1,500 damages in his action for breach of contract against George Gray, the young Australian.

Roberts claimed that Gray broke an agreement to undertake a world tour with him, from which he expected to make a profit of £10,000. Gray pleaded infancy as a defence, and the Lord Chief Justice postponed judgment in order that this question might be argued.

Gray, in giving evidence, told an amusing story of a "challenge" issued by Roberts on his behalf.

"Mr. Roberts told me," he stated, "that he had issued a challenge to Inman and Stevenson. 'They will not accept it,' he said, 'but it will be a good advertisement.'"

"The challenge was something I could not do at the time, for it was to give a third away out of 30,000 up with bonzoline balls."

"I was not told of it beforehand by Roberts, and when I saw it I said he should not have made such a challenge without consulting me, as if one of the men accepted the challenge and won, my reputation would suffer. Roberts said, 'Don't worry. They won't accept.'"

"I began playing billiards seven years ago," continued Gray. "I have never played a game with ivory balls. I have now been playing with bonzoline balls for some time, and I am just beginning to feel myself."

Mr. Henry Gray, his father, gave evidence, and was asked if "money was not at the bottom of the whole thing."

"That's correct," he replied promptly.

Stevenson, who was also a witness, was questioned by the Lord Chief Justice—himself a billiard enthusiast—about the "spectacular side of the game."

The Lord Chief Justice pointed out how unpopular the "spot stroke" became, and mentioned Recco's half-million "anchor-cannon" breaks. "Now," he added, "without reflecting on Gray, is his play not apt to be less of an attraction than the 'all-round game'?"

"It may become monotonous," agreed Stevenson.

Mr. Riley, of the firm of Riley and Co., Billiard-table makers, said when Gray played with Cook his firm paid Cook £10 as a prize for creating a record by not making a stroke during the whole of an afternoon.

The jury found there was no representation on the part of Gray, and that he was ready and willing to carry out the contract.



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| 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.  | " 10 min.     |
| 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.   | " 15 min.     |
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## China Mail.

The Chinese Situation.  
It is clear from several indications that there is much uncertainty as to future developments in China. Not only are provincial assemblies, whose members are composed of the most intelligent men in their districts, appealing to those in authority for something more definite in regard to the national policy, but the leader of the victorious troops at Wuchang, Li Yuan-hung, has opened his mind to Yuan Shih-kai, and the words of warning which he utters against a continuance of a policy of drifting are not to be ignored. This message, which has been sent to Yuan, is as follows:—"Some time ago, when the location of the future capital was as yet undecided, I sent a telegram carefully and minutely explaining things, and fortunately this was gladly received. Already the President has been discharging the duties of that high office for some weeks, and this has fled rapidly, but this notwithstanding the several Ministers have not been duly appointed. There must be a Government before there can be a country or an empire.

## Daily Press.

## Railways in China.

The prohibitive rates on the Yunnan line appear to be leading to interesting developments. We learn from the (American) Consular report under notice that several American manufacturers of railway material have sent a representative to Mengtze and Yunnanfu and two important locomotive companies also have men on the spot in connection with the contract to construct the proposed line from Yunnanfu to Lanchowfu, on the Yangtze. The matter of railway freight from Haiphong to Yunnanfu is of such controlling importance, says the Consul-General, that the projectors of the line are seriously considering the construction of a line from Yunnanfu to Nanning in Kwangsi, as a means of avoiding these excessive charges, as well as opening up Yunnan and West China by the new route. This road would give communication by road and water with Hongkong and Canton. This enterprise, the Consul adds, is not exactly an alternative of the construction of what is known as the Szechuan railway, but it seems to be generally understood that the construction of the railway to Nanning will postpone the construction of the line from Yunnanfu to the Yangtze. The survey work of the line to Nanning is being rapidly completed and the immediate construction of either the Szechuan railway or the line to Nanning seems to depend entirely upon the early settlement of political disturbances in China generally.

## South China Morning Post.

## Hongkong's Influence.

Tuesday's issue contained extensive extracts from an extremely interesting paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute in London by the Rev. E. J. Barnett, of this Colony. The Venerable Archdeacon was, we think, peculiarly happy in his selection of a subject. He spoke of "Hongkong's Part in China's Reform" and proved conclusively to his distinguished audience that Hongkong by example and precept had been a silent and unconscious influence for seven decades in the cause of enlightenment which has brought about the great awakening. Numerous writers have expressed views upon recent happenings in China and the causes that led up to them, but no one, so far as we can remember, has so clearly and succinctly stated the part played by Hongkong. Those who are on the spot will readily concede that the British administration of the once barren and now beautiful and prosperous isle of Hongkong has been an object lesson of inestimable value to young China.



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DIRECTORS AND THEIR  
LIABILITIES, DUTIES  
AND POWERS.

## Foreword.

The article this week, after shortly dealing with a recent decision as to the rights of auditors to have access to the Company's books, etc., points out that in certain cases, but in those cases only, interest may be paid out of capital. The right is then dealt with of a shareholder to transfer his shares, and of directors to refuse to register a transfer when empowered to do so by the articles of association. But it is pointed out that such power must not be exercised arbitrarily, but bona fide and reasonably, although the onus of proof that the directors have acted unreasonably in such a case is on the person to whom registration of a transfer has been refused. Directors cannot refuse to register a transfer on the ground that, after it has been sent in for registration, the transferor has become indebted to the Company.

(Continued from last Saturday.)

It was recently held by Eve J. in the case of *Clegg v. London and County Building Co., Ltd.* mentioned in the "Law Times" of the 27th January, 1912, that duly appointed auditors under Section 112 of the Act of 1900 (Section 113 of the Ordinance) had no power of resigning, nor had the directors power to remove them, during their year of office; and a mandatory injunction was granted to compel the Company and its directors to give to the auditors so appointed access to all the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Company, and to compel the directors to give all such information and explanations as might be required by such auditors. The Company had suffered a certain loss which the directors considered to be due to the negligence of the auditors, and they therefore decided not to allow the auditors to carry on the audit of the Company's books. On appeal, however, from the judgment of Eve J. it was held that even supposing that the auditors had a statutory right of access to the books of the Company, it did not follow that the Court would grant a mandatory injunction; and that the proper course to be then pursued under the circumstances of the case was to direct a general meeting to ascertain the wishes of the shareholders.

Although, as it has been stated, it is unlawful for dividends or interest to be paid out of the capital of a Company, express provision has been made by Section 93 of the Ordinance (Section 91 of the Act) that, in certain cases only, a Company may have power to pay interest out of capital. This is so where shares are issued for the purpose of raising money to defray expenses of the construction of any works or buildings or the provision of any plant, which cannot be made profitable for a long period. But payment of such interest cannot be made (1) unless it is authorized by the articles or by special resolution, and (2) without the previous sanction of the Court.

It is also provided that the Court may order an enquiry and report to be made before giving such sanction, and direct security to be given for the costs of the enquiry. Further, that such interest shall not exceed 6 per cent., and shall not extend beyond the half year next after the completion of the work for which the capital is required; it shall not operate as a reduction of the amount paid up in respect of the shares in respect of which it is paid, and the Company's accounts shall show such capital and the payment of interest thereon.

Therefore under no circumstances can interest be paid out of capital without the previous sanction of the Court, and such sanction can only be obtained in the particular cases

mentioned in Section 93. There is no express penalty provided in that Section for non-compliance with its provisions, but, of course, if payment of interest is made out of capital without the previous sanction of the Court, the directors who authorised its payment would be liable to refund; and, if true accounts were not kept, they would be liable to a penalty under Section 77.

After the restriction as to allotments of shares has been complied with, and the shares have been allotted, it is the duty of the directors within two months later to have the certificates ready for delivery to the allottees. It is also their duty to have such certificates ready for delivery to transferees of shares within two months from the registration of any transfer. (Section 94 of the Ordinance, Section 92 of the Act.)

Where, by the Articles of Association, no extraordinary power is given to the directors to reject a proposed transfer at their discretion, an absolute right exists on the part of a member to transfer his shares to whomsoever he pleases, and to require such transfer to be registered; and a right to registration exists in favour of the transferee (Weston's case L. R. 4 Ch. 20 re *Cawley* 42 Ch. D. 209). But the directors are not bound to register a transfer to any other than a "person"—a legal entity (in which is included an incorporated company). Therefore they are not bound to register a transfer to a firm in the name of that firm, for "the firm name is a mere expression, not a legal entity, although for convenience it may be used for the sake of signing and being sued" (Farwell L. J. in *Seller v. Whitman* (1910) 1 K.B. 868). This was so held in the case of *re Vagliano, &c., Ltd.* (1910) W. N. 187, in which a firm of Solicitors sought to compel registration of shares in their firm name. But when, as is frequently the case, the Articles of Association expressly provide that the directors may refuse to register a transfer, either upon particular grounds set out in the Articles, or, in their discretion, without assigning reasons, the Court will not interfere to compel the registration of a transfer, if the directors have acted bona fide in refusing registration, although they have disclosed no reasons. And, although it is laid down that directors must act reasonably in exercising their discretion to refuse to register a transfer, the Court will assume that they have acted unless proof is given to the contrary. The onus of proving that the directors have acted unreasonably, and not bona fide, is upon the proposed transferor or transferee to whom registration of the transfer has been refused. This was so held in the cases of *ex p. Pinney* L. R. 8 Ch. 446, and *In re Coalport China Co.* (1895) 2 Ch. 404.

The power thus given to the directors is for the benefit of the Company, and, however limited, such discretion may be exercised arbitrarily to the prejudice of the shareholders. A refusal therefore by the directors to register a transfer to any person at all, whatever his position might be, would call for interference by the Court (*Robinson v. Charter Bank* L. R. 1 Eq. 32). They have no right to say "We will force a particular shareholder to continue a shareholder, and we will not allow him to transfer his shares at all" (*Ex p. Pinney* L. R. 8 Ch. at p. 453).

Where, as is usually the case, the Articles give the directors a discretion to refuse to register a transfer of shares by a shareholder, if he is indebted to the Company, the time at which it is to be ascertained whether or not there is such an indebtedness is the time when the transfer is sent in for registration. So where a transfer was sent in for registration at the time when a call was imminent, but had not been made, it was held that the directors were not entitled, before considering the proposed transfer, to resolve to make a call, and then to refuse to register the transfer because such call had not been paid. (*re Cawley* 42 Ch. D. 209).

(To be continued.)

## YUAN SHIH-KAI.

## The Installation Ceremony.

The following interesting description of the installation of Yuan Shih-kai as President of China appeared in the Shanghai "National Review".—One of a very few favoured spectators I stood against the wall of a large room, vying upon the dignity of a hall, in the handsome modern building known as the New Waiyupu, Peking, and facing an assemblage of some two hundred odd men standing in rows three deep. They wore variously garbed. Some wore the silken robes of Chinese officialdom, amongst them two golden-gowned Tibetan arch-priests; some the khaki uniforms, picked out with red and gold of the Army; others the conventional morning dress of the Occident; and a few the blue and gold of the Navy. The middle portion of the front rank consisted of the Delegates from the Nanking Provisional Government habited in black, and in their centre stood Tang Shao-yi, Prime Minister of the new Central Government now in process of formation, whilst on his left stood Tsai Yuan-pai, the special representative of Provisional President Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Immediately in his rear towered the gigantic form of General Chiang Wei-ti, the octogenarian Muhammadan Commander-in-Chief of the old army, into whose keeping the safety of the Capital was given subsequent to the mutiny of a week or so ago. Next to him was Yang Chang, Chief of Staff under the old regime, but now a soldierly supporter of the new. Here and there throughout the audience could be seen others who had taken a more or less prominent part in the astounding events of the past few months to which this scene sets the seal of accomplishment, and in due place and order stood Mongolian princes, Maucha bannermen, Tibetan Lamas, Southerner and Northerner and "foreigners" in the service of China, here assembled to witness an Act of History. The stage is set, and we await the advent of the chief actor.

A secretary, in immaculate western kit, makes a short announcement and all stand to attention as a door on my left opens and in strides a short burly figure whose every motion denotes an invincible energy—Yuan Shih-kai, the Strong Man of China. He is closely followed if not surrounded, by officers of his staff, dressed, as he is himself, in workmanlike khaki uniform. He advances to a spot some three paces to my right front and makes a profound bow to the assembly, who return it as one man. An aide hands him a rolled-up paper and he proceeds to unfold and read it out loud in a voice and with a demeanour that

carry the conviction that here is a man who knows his own mind and can carry it into effect, in spite of any obstacles that may be placed in his way by any human agency. His appearance, his pose, the setting of the massive head—thatched with spiky white hair—on his less massive shoulders, every line and contour and movement, betoken forcefulness, and as his voice reaches the climax of his utterance it only requires a glance at the faces of his hearers to note, broad-written upon them, the acknowledgment of his mastery. Unconcerned, but with a most impressive and facile dignity, he rolls the sheet and motions to a delegate of the South standing straight in front of him. Tsai Yuan-pai advances and receives the scroll from the hands of the now duly chosen President of the Republic of China, then retires a pace or two and delivers a short address in the staccato syllables, stabbed with gutturals, of the official language. Another document is handed to and read by President Yuan, and then in response to a word from an usher, the two gorgeously dressed arch-priests from Tibet approach the central group, each bearing in his hands a figure of Buddha wrapped in scarves of yellow silk. Bowing low they tender these symbols of homage to the Head of the State, who passes them to an adjutant and then invests the homage-givers with silken scarves of white and blue. Another word is uttered and the line of Nanking Delegates advances and retires after having made and received obeisance, and then in continuous succession come the various groups representative of every part of the erstwhile Chinese Empire. Mongolian and Manchou, Muhammadan and Taoist, Confucianist and Christian, approach and bow and retire in rapid though orderly succession until the inaugural ceremony completed, the "Kung Pao"—as his adherents still affectionately call him—is ushered back whence he came and the function is at an end.

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#### CHINA AND FOREIGN LOANS.

Hard on the heels of Viscount Uchida's interesting statement, upon which we commented here yesterday, comes the news that Russia objects to the Four Nations Loan on the ground that financial aid to the young Republic must not involve an increase in the military burdens of the Powers whose dominions are co-terminous with China. Coming so closely upon each other, the statements gain a certain piquancy. That of Viscount Uchida suggests that if Japan and Russia have not actually a working agreement in the North they at any rate have an understanding. The message from St. Petersburg shows very clearly that Russia is nevertheless jealously careful lest Japan's power in the North should be increased as the result of a Four-Power Loan; for "Powers" in this message is merely a diplomatic euphemism for Japan. There is every point in Viscount Uchida's observation that Russia and Japan require to avoid ill-feeling and misunderstanding. They may work together in the North, each careful of its "special interests," whatever they may be, but they do not trust each other very far. The situation in the North is pregnant with possibilities.

But if possible trouble for China shows on the Northern horizon, there is also internal difficulty through the loans which are necessary to China at present. The question of ways and means—of foreign debts—was one of the questions which led to the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. Within the last two decades China's foreign debts have materially increased. Prior to that, indeed, they hardly existed. But the war with Japan, the Boxer trouble and the subsequent indemnity led to foreign loans, and these in turn led to the Peking Government putting pressure upon the financial resources of the Provinces. The question is whether, now that recent events have already led and must still, for some years, lead to further loans of considerable size, the new Government can relieve the pressure upon the Provinces. If not, will the Provinces be willing to accept at the hands of the Republic what it resents as coming from the Throne? It is true that the new Government is fairly certain to display more efficiency than did the old; nevertheless the situation is full of difficulties and will require careful handling. Only a week or two ago Reuter sent an extract from a "Times" leader which may well be quoted again. "We fear," it said "the temptations offered by financial operations on too facile a basis may prove irresistible for all parties concerned. It is perhaps too much to hope that the Chinese will of their own accord seek the guidance and wholesome control which would be afforded by an independent board of revenue composed at any rate in part of foreign financial experts with no axes of their own to grind. But the Powers that have at heart the restoration of a stable order of things in China could render no greater service to her at this juncture than by discountenancing the importation of foreign capital into the country without adequate guarantees for its proper and useful expenditure, and for some equitable adjustment of new financial burdens between the Central and the Provincial Governments." That is the whole point. The new Government has a big task before it to which it may be trusted cautiously to address itself. But the Powers must do all they can to help and nothing at all to hinder the new regime.

#### DAY BY DAY.

The essential nourishment of imagination is humour.

#### To-day Paper.

The continuation of the series on the duties of directors, and an article describing the installation of Yuan Shih-kai as President of China appear on page 3. The Short Sermon will be found on page 8.

Hongkong has been declared an infected port by Bengal.

Mr. John Charles Wilden has been appointed an excise officer under the Opium Ordinance.

The case against the Chinese cook who was remanded yesterday at the Marine Court for boarding a vessel without permission, was dismissed.

At the Marine Court to-day a man was fined \$2 or seven days for dredging in the Harbour without permission.

The court also ordered the confiscation of the gear found.

The Christian Union Meeting on Monday, April 1, will be held at Union Church Hall. The meeting begins at 5.50 and will be conducted by Mr. E. T. Williams.

Capt. and Mr. Kiddle, of H.M.S. Astraea, and Commander Lowndes of H.M.S. Alacrity, leave for England in the P. & O. s.s. Devanha.

An announcement in regard to the Chinese Imperial Government 7 per cent. loan of 1880, E, appears in our advertising columns on page 5.

The notification appointing the Government Hospital at Kennedy Town to be a Leprosy Asylum for the segregation and treatment of leprosy has been rescinded.

Among the passengers on the Empress of India are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright. Mr. Wright, who is a member of firm of Messrs. Wright and Hornby, brokers, has been absent on sick leave practically for two years, and his return to the Colony will be welcomed by a large circle of friends.

#### Gun Practice.

Gun practice will be carried out on Thursday, April 4 from the west of Hongkong in a southerly direction between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

#### Mr. C. Clementi.

Congratulations are being freely extended to Mr. Clementi in connection with the honour conferred upon him by the Royal Geographical Society. The adventurous journey that Mr. Clementi made across China certainly entitled him to special recognition.

#### New Ordinances.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Ordinance No. 62 of 1911, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Law Revision Ordinance, 1911. Ordinance No. 63 of 1911, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Law Amendment Ordinance, 1911.

#### Holidays.

It is notified in the Gazette that the following will be observed as Government holidays:—Public holiday:—Empire Day, Friday, May 24. General holidays:—Whit Monday, May 27; King's Birthday, Monday, June 3; Monday, Aug. 5; Monday, Oct. 14; Monday, Nov. 11; Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25; Thursday, Dec. 26; Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1913 and Thursday, Jan. 2, 1913 (if the Chinese adopt the Gregorian Calendar).

#### Fog Delays Mails.

The dense fog which enveloped the coast yesterday and early this morning caused much inconvenience to shipping generally. The P. and O. steamer Devanha, carrying the Siberian Mail, which was due yesterday, was held up outside the waters of the Colony until about noon to-day. Not a single vessel entered the Harbour this morning. It is naturally to be expected that the O. P. R. steamer Empress of India will also be delayed. The Siberian Mail was delivered during the afternoon.

#### COMPANY MEETING.

The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

The twenty-third general meeting of the shareholders in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co. Mr. C. A. Tomes, president, and there were present Sir C. P. Chater, O.M.G., Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, consulting committee, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. A. B. Harris, Messrs F. B. L. Bowley, G. Hogg, W. E. Van Epps, Capt. Watson, Capt. Wakefield, A. A. Cordoier, A. H. M. Da Silva, O. L. Aroulli, J. Gould, H. Scott, J. W. Kew, M. A. Figueiredo, A. J. d'Essa, Poon Icho, Q. J. B. Sayer, P. Loureiro, U. G. Galuzzi, R. M. Smith, L. E. Gutierrez, C. Klinek, R. Henderson, A. Keating, H. J. Gedge, D. K. Moss, J. Manners, H. R. B. Hancock, W. J. Worcester, R. O. Edwards, J. Scott, Harston, Fung Shin-wa, Chan Yet-shun, C. A. da Rosa, E. E. Ellis, A. S. Ellis, A. M. Eca, G. P. Bunji, J. W. Bowles, P. N. M. da Silva, V. F. Soares, T. Ramsey, Dr. Sanders, S. H. Michael, O. P. Ellis, S. Michael W. J. Arrell, E. D. Hoskell, H. B. Bridger, G. C. Moxon, G. L. Wilson, F. Maitland, T. W. Robertson, A. H. Milroy, H. Percy Smith, H. Seth, A. H. Ough, C. Brown, J. M. C. Basto, D. Gough, H. C. R. Hancock, E. M. Raymond, A. A. Alves, J. A. Young, W. E. Clarke, A. R. Ritchie, R. Baker, S. S. Parry, Bishop, J. Baniator, Tong, Lai-shun, T. Bruffield, R. Packham, Chan, K. O. Chow-fong, Ma Chuan, Chan Shun-on, Lau Yau-pau, Lau Chun, Ho Wing, Ho Kwong, Lau Yuk-tong, and the secretary, Mr. A. L. Shields.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Before proceeding to the ordinary business of the day, gentlemen, I have an announcement to make, and this is that after considerable discussion and interchange of views it has been arranged between the members of the late investigating committee and the general managers, subject to your approval on a subsequent occasion, that the conduct of the affairs of the company shall be subjected to some modification. A board of directors will be elected at an early date, with and under whom the general managers will perform the functions. The remuneration of the general managers will be reduced and be made contingent mainly upon the well doing of the company, and some of the recommendations of the committee as to accounts and auditors will be as far as practicable carried out.

The main objects of the understanding "under which" and the details will be put before you at a later date and it is not intended to go into these matters now. It is thought that the new arrangements will be found pleasing to many shareholders who were disturbed in their minds after the misfortunes of the year before. I will now proceed to the regular business of to-day.

As usual with your permission we will take the report and accounts with auditors' report attached as read.

At the different works of the company nothing very eventful has occurred during the year. In the spring Hok On worked half time only owing to the slackness of demand, but as the year wore on the output was gradually increased until in August and September everything was going at its fullest power, and a market was found at governing rates for all the cement that could be made, and this continued until the end of the year and later to February this year, when for the purpose of relining, some of the Anlberg kilns were closed.

These we shall expect to start again within a month or two, although in these disturbed times we shall not pretend to take any accurate forecast of the work ahead of us. The Magic Works were kept steadily working all the year, and in the last few days have been kept burning. It is a pity to hold one in reserve from September on to the present time. Deep Water Bay was on half capacity for half the year and full time for the remainder.

The quality of the cement has been maintained at the highest degree and there have been no objections for quality anywhere. (Hear, hear.) In new markets there is often difficulty, as prejudice and antagonism naturally prevail, to secure recognition of the superiority of our product, but almost invariably this is overcome in time.

Competition continues unabated, but has somewhat changed its form. European shipments have decreased to the Far East and in the main can be ignored. The establishment of new factories in nearby territory is what interferes with us most, and some of these are gradually improving the quality of the manufacture and increasing their output. They have their difficulties, however, and what with financial and qualitative trials, inexperience, and mismanagement, find that making cement successfully is not at all like lying on a bed of roses. There are probably more factories in the East than the average man realizes, for besides the numerous Japanese establishments, including Manchurian, we have those at Tongshan (Tientsin), in Honkai on the Yangtze, at Hsinphong, at Kuala Lumpur and a new one at Padang in Sumatra, and there may some day be one at Manila. To put against the rise of these establishments we have the undoubted ever-increasing call for cement. And if this increase continues in years of stagnation and troubled trade such as we have experienced lately what may it be when China settles to a steady course and the inevitable railway building comes into full swing (Hear, hear). It is not the time to talk of further expansion at the moment and our supplies of stone and wood are anxious factors but we must keep an eye ahead if we mean to hold our proportion of the trade. Our site in Hongkong gives unrivalled shipping advantages, but we are not inside the fiscal or economic boundaries of China, and should she ever erect a high tariff wall we should have to consider what steps we could take to withstand any prejudice on this account.

The cement industry the world over is far from being an even and steady going business. It has had great vicissitudes in England and after the depressing times in that country of two or three years ago the shares in the largest organization there have risen to ten times their previous lowest quotation, a fluctuation beyond anything we have seen.

In America in the past twelve months, the largest company, and the largest single company in the world, fell upon evil times and had to be reorganized from the bottom, competition became unparalleled and prices set so low that the highest grade cement was selling at the works, luckily for us at interior points, at 45 gold cents per barrel in bulk, i.e. without counting the cost of the barrel.

I have mainly dwelt so far upon the consuming side of our product. A word now on perhaps a more important factor, the supply of raw material. Limestone causes as much anxiety as ever for though the Canton Authorities stand at the moment no longer in our way as rival buyers or promoters of difficulties for us, through the disturbed state of the Delta and the consequent piracy the stone contractors find increasing trouble in securing boats and in getting them through to Hongkong. The supply of wood for casks suffering from the same disability and unless we can soon feel assured of a quick cessation of these hindrances we may come face to face with a serious situation. We have sufficient contracts for stone and dealers are eager to sell at a price, but we shall be more relieved when we see the stone arriving in much larger quantities than is now the case.

You would doubtless like to hear more about the Deep Water Bay Works. We are not too cheerful at the prospects there but the business is carefully watched and I do not think we are falling astern. The working account shows a profit of about \$9,000, and this resulted notwithstanding the stock on hand and on consignment at the beginning of the year had been taken at estimated prices higher than those we reckon on now. On the same scale of costs now the profits would have been

about \$10,000. But even this profit, less the depreciation of \$11,000 allowed in the accounts, would leave but \$5,000 net, a poor return on the capital invested. However as the matter stands it is better to work than to shut down, as the depreciation would go on in any event, and there is some apparent profit however little.

The course of exchange since the beginning of this year has been against us and lower range is much desirable as the bulk of the Company's sales are in countries on a gold basis. As far as this Company is concerned we should like to see a reversion to 1/6d. to the dollar.

To come to the matter of the accounts you will see that no additions to machinery or plant have been made this past year, and unless for an improvement in the coöperation, none are contemplated. The full depreciation of 0% on plant, &c., as called for by the Articles of Association is provided for. The bank balance is now on the right side and, apart from profits made, is accounted for by the reduced stock of limestone on hand, a rather unhealthy reduction, and the fewer outstanding consignments.

The value of steam lighters, launches, &c., is now down to \$178,000, and we do not think the fleet could be replaced for that figure, although it is a good item to keep low in value. One steam lighter formerly used for towing stone junks from the West River and for carrying cement to Canton, both employments practically stopped now, was laid up for a time and an offer being obtained it was sold to Manila at a loss of \$4,000. It was not immediately required and it was thought better to save further depreciation and cost of upkeep. A junk at Deep Water Bay, overstayd her time before a typhoon, whether from overzeal or carelessness I can't say, and was blown ashore and broken up. Another steam lighter while at Deep Water Bay had an accident to her boiler through carelessness which nearly cost the crew their lives. A second hand boiler will be required for her, but she is laid up for the moment, the accident occurring this year, and the experiment is being tried of doing the shipping from Deep Water Bay by engaging boats as required.

A full and complete list of what might be considered dead and doubtful assets as far as could be known was made up some months ago and this totalled a sum of \$140,000. Included in this is the cost of property at Canton \$51,905.05. After due consideration and with the approval of the Consulting Committee the General Managers recommend that of this total of \$140,000 there be written off this year: \$85,000, leaving \$55,000, partly of substantial value, to be dealt with hereafter. The \$85,000 is applied as follows:—

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| In reduction of cost of the Canton property .....                                                                                                        | \$20,000.00 |
| In reduction of the valuation of the concrete block plant at Hok On (standing in the books at \$25,540.89 and which cost originally over \$30,000) ..... | 13,000.00   |
| In reduction of valuation of the Century Stone plant at Shanghai (standing in the books at \$9,792.08) .....                                             | 5,000.00    |
| To writing off cost of West River Dam, still utilized, but of no navigable value .....                                                                   | 14,149.20   |
| And cost of small railway and engine confiscated at Fa Yun .....                                                                                         | 27,187.98   |
| And in reduction of claim of \$23,519.62 against Tang A King, for which there is part security .....                                                     | 5,032.73    |
| <b>\$85,000.00</b>                                                                                                                                       |             |

The writing off of the above amount from Canton Land Account is of course without prejudice to any right of action that may exist in connection therewith.

And so to represent the \$55,000 remaining, there is the property at Canton now down to \$31,905.05, together with our claim against Mr. Fung Wee-han, the value of Hok On concrete plant, the Century Stone plant,

and a mortgage on some property of Tang A King fairly valued at \$10,000.

It is thought by the Consulting Committee and General Managers that ample has been written off for this year on these accounts, and should anything more be required it can be dealt with at a future time.

I have endeavoured to cover all points concerning the working of the Company and the report and accounts, and shall now be pleased to answer any questions relating thereto. (Applause.) There being no questions the chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Sir Paul Chater seconded.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock in proposing an amendment said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I beg to move an amendment in the report with reference to the writing off of the sum of \$85,337.27 for dead and doubtful assets of previous years. I think for reasons which I need not trouble this committee with that it is desirable, for the present at all events, that no sum of money should be written off in respect to Canton Land, therefore my amendment is to the effect that \$20,000 be not written off in respect to Canton Land and that will make the sum \$65,337.27 as written off certain dead and doubtful assets of the previous years, and the balance to be carried forward to the credit of next year's account, instead of being \$87,375, will be \$20,877.05. That is the amendment, gentlemen, which I move.

Mr. Osborne:—I beg to second that amendment.

The Chairman:—An amendment has been made by Mr. Pollock that \$20,000 will not be written off the value of Canton lands on this occasion and that what is to be written off the dead and doubtful assets be reduced to \$65,337.27 and that the amount to be carried forward to the next year's account be \$20,877.05. That is the amendment proposed by Mr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Osborne, and I will put it to the meeting. As for myself, I am quite ready to accept it, gentlemen.

On a show of hands the amendment was declared carried, and subject to the amendment the report and accounts were adopted amid applause.

On the motion of Mr. Gedge, seconded by Mr. Wood, Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross and Dr. J. W. Noble were re-elected to the consulting committee.

Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Gourdin were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. G. Hogg.

The Chairman:—Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday, on application. I thank you for your attendance; that is all the business of the day.

#### WHAT POVERTY MEANS.

When Percy Parker, 14 was charged at Brentford with begging, it was stated that a constable visited the boy's parents at Studley-road, Aston, and found the family in three rooms for which they had to pay 7s a week. There was no furniture except an old table, some boxes, and two old bedsteads. Seven children slept on one bed, without any bedclothes, and the man and wife were also without bedclothes. They had no fire and no food in the cupboard. The man was a bricklayer out of work, and he had parted with almost everything in the struggle to live. The lad was remanded.

On March 2, Messrs. John Brown, Ltd., of Clydebank, Glasgow, received acceptance by telegraph from the Admiralty of their tender for the building of the new battleship of the Lion type, which will be the greatest and fastest war vessel of its class that has ever been constructed. The new man-of-war will be 702ft. in length and 90.1-2ft. in breadth, and her horse-power will be 87,000, giving a speed of 30 knots. It is stated that the firm of Babcock and Wilcox will supply the boilers for this vessel, and that the same type of boiler has been ordered for two new battleships of the Dreadnaught type.



## ABOUT LIGHTHOUSES.

An Interesting Paper.

An interesting paper on Lighthouses and their construction was read last evening at the Engineers' and Shipbuilders' Institute by Mr. T. Grant, who prefaced his remarks by pointing out that the first mention of a lighthouse of which they had authentic information was the famous Pharos of Alexandria, built about 285 B. C. Proceeding to sketch the evolution of the lighthouse the speaker said that during the Roman period they became more important as commerce expanded and the mariners ventured further afield. The oldest existing light is at Corunna, which is still in use and was erected in 100 A.D. After touching on the time when the lighthouses were frequently parts of other buildings such as churches and castles Mr. Grant dwelt at some length on the huge struggle that the builders of the Eddystone Lighthouse had to contend with, giving a detailed account of the various towers that were from time to time erected. In connection with this he pointed out that with apparatus of his own invention Mr. Stevenson had registered a wave pressure of 6,083 lbs. to the square foot.

After describing one of the lights on the China coast the speaker dwelt on the natural circumstances that sometimes made the erection of lighthouses impossible and then they had to resort to light-ships and buoys, though one of the disadvantages that attended the use of the latter was that they were often run into by junks and fishing boats thus disengaging the fine arrangement of lights which regulated the intermittent light and consequently produced a fixed beam. The lanterns on the buoys are fitted with beautifully made lenses which give a very clear light at a distance of four miles. The first great improvement over the unsteady light of the old fashioned beacon was the Argand lamp, the principle of which was used in all modern oil burners and powerful lamps, sometimes these having as many as ten concentric wicks with the usual air spaces between each. Gas and electricity had also come very much to the fore, though in the speaker's opinion the illuminant with the biggest future was acetylene gas. Possibly the most important invention in connection with illumination was the Dioptric apparatus, which consisted of a huge compound lens shaped something like a beehive which could throw a beam of light to an immense distance.

One of the most interesting sections of the paper dealt with the bearing of atmospheric conditions on the ability of the mariner to pick up the lights. The dense fog was naturally the terror of the sailor and it was there that the bell had proved of great use while a departure was the newly invented system of submarine signalling in which the bell again played a great part, the signalling being effected by means of a mechanical striking arrangement. The signals were picked up by a receiver similar to that used in a telephone.

An interesting debate followed, in which Mr. McCubbin joined issue with the author of the paper on the relative penetrating power of gas and electricity asserting that in a fog gas was the better.

Mr. H. Walton agreed with this contention in a measure, but pointed out that the electric light diffused more quickly and it was consequently more difficult to locate the origin.

The discussion later turned on the question of the use of wireless installations on lighthouses to ships in distress and it was agreed that it would be of no use if a ship did not know its position as a wireless call in itself gave no indication of its origin.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Grant. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Reid.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

C.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

In the match played this afternoon on the H.K.C.C. ground the following represented the C.C.C.:—H. H. Taylor, R. A. Carvalho, G. A. Hancock, L. A. Rose, J. V. Braga, E. L. Braga, W. H. Viveash, R. Pestonji, J. D. Noria, C. Johnstone, and R. Bana.

## RUGBY.

Army v. Navy.

The Army and Navy teams met yesterday afternoon, in a rugby encounter, on the Hongkong Club ground. The match was particularly interesting from the fact that had the Navy won it would have upset all the previous matches in the triangular competition. The Army were the first to score through the agency of Lieut. Bagnall who managed to cross the line after some brilliant passes between the three quarters. The kick at goal was fruitless. Later the Navy secured a penalty goal and at half time were masters of the situation by the odd point. In the second half both teams did good work, the Army eventually winning by 13 to 7.

## K. O. Y. L. MARATHON RACE.

Yesterday evening the K. O. Y. L. held the first Marathon Race for 1912, the competitors proceeding by special train to the starting point near Shatin Station. The course was from the Hills overlooking the Frontier Road near the 5th Mile Stone, round to Yau-nan, and the 320 starters made a fine show as they came headlong down the steep hill to the road. The long pull up to Lukichok Reservoir, combined with the heat of the evening soon made the competitors string out, the line being headed by Pte. Richardson, who won the Cup presented by H.E. Sir F. Lugard at the last Regimental Marathon.

Pte. Richardson again won last night's race in the exceptionally good time of 33 mins. 10 secs. over the course of 51 miles, closely followed by Pte. Pearson and Webb, L/O Cobb and Capt. Rigg, who finished in this order.

Twenty four of the starters finished within five minutes of the winner, and 178 within the next eight minutes.

## BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Billiard Tournament.

87 Company R. G. A. and the Army Ordnance Department commenced their games in connection with the above tournament on Friday evening. The first to meet were Gunner Slater and Private Polani. Slater had the lead throughout the game and beat his rival by 85 points, his highest breaks being 10, 13, 20. Poland made 10 and 12. The second pair were Major Lydden A. O. D. and Gunner Quinn 87 Coy. R. G. A. The Gunner won by 36, making breaks of 22, 11 (3 times) and 10. Major Lydden compiling 17, 20, 12 and 13.

## DON'T FORGET.

Saturday, Mar. 30.

Bijou Theatre 8.15 p.m.

The Balkan Princess: Bundmann Opera Co. Theatre Royal 8.15.

Tuesday, April 2.

Organ Recital, 5.30. Inspection, Volunteer Res., 5.45 p.m.

General Meeting Hongkong Gun Club 5.30 p.m.

Friday, April 5.

Volunteer Res., Rifle Meeting, Kings Park, 10.30.

Saturday, April 6.

K.O.Y.L.L. Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

V.I.C. Boring Tournament.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 31st March, Sunday next before Easter. Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial; Venite: Macfarren; Psalms: Chants of the 30th Morning; Benedictus: Arnold; Arnes, Arnold; Benedictus: Langdon. Holy Communion 11.45 a.m. Kyrie: Somervell in F minor; Hymns: 267, 108, 98; Preacher:—Rev. W. W. Rogers. Evensong 5.45 p.m. Responses: Ferial; Psalms: Chants of the 30th and 31st evenings; Magnificat: Nuno Dimitis; Wesley in F; Anthem: "Come unto Him"—Gounod; Hymns: 99, 94; Sevenfold Amen; Voluntary: Good Friday Music from Parsifal—Wagner.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—Sunday, 31st March 1912. Palm Sunday.—Morning Prayer, 11.00 a.m.; Hymns, 98, 99, 320, 201; Venite, 31st day Macfarren; Psalms, 31st Morning Psalm, OXIV Boyce, OXIV Battishill; Benedictus, Garret, Kyrie No 2; Sunday School will be held as usual at 3.00 p.m. in the Boy Scout's Headquarters on the Church ground; Evening Prayer, 6.00 p.m.; Hymns, 12, 112, 257, 574; Psalms, 31st Evening; Psalm, CXLVII Battishill; Psalm, OXIVM Turler; Psalm, OXIX Humboldt; Psalm, OL Humphreys, (1st and last Verses and the Gloria in Unison.) Magnificat, Battishill; Nuno Dimitis, Barnby.

Garrison Divine Service.—Church of England, Victoria, Cathedral, 9.15 a.m., Chaplain; Detention Barrack, Detention Barrack, 8.30 a.m., Chaplain; Stonecutters, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Military Hospital, Bowen Road, 8 p.m., Chaplain; Lyennan, Barracks, Under Order, Senior Officer; Kowloon, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Mount Austin, Barracks, Under Senior Officer; Baptist, Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Union Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan, Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Mount Austin, 9 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic, Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Kowloon, Rosary Church, Offg. Clergyman; 9 a.m.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

## Interesting Travel.

A collection of costumes, implements of war and other articles large enough to equip a small museum has been taken to New York by Frank Edward Johnson, an explorer, who spent six months in Southern Tunisia, and visited many places in that region where white men had not set foot for centuries.

Mr. Johnson, interviewed, said that the war in Tripoli is a matter of very little interest to the inhabitants of the southern provinces, and that in Tunisia many of the tribesmen did not know it was in progress. He declared the country offers great opportunities for development, and that French, German and English capital is interested and is making preparations for the country's exploitation.

The Troglodytes, who inhabit this region according to Mr. Johnson, are an extraordinary people, without a trace of any other racial blood among them. He describes them as men and women of perfect physique and great stature. They were the enemies of the ancient Egyptians, and the armies of Rome sought to conquer them in vain. Centuries later they repulsed the Berbers, and for the last few hundred years have been left alone.

Near Liverpool-street, London a young man, neatly dressed, walked slowly along with a card attached to his back, bearing the words: Good general clerk wants employment. Apply here.

Relics of Eugene Aram sold at Sotheby's included the memoirs and "The Dream" by Hood, autograph letters, a book signed by Aram, a portion of a skull said to be that of the victim Clark, and a bone from Aram's foot.

## YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kowall's report dated Hongkong, March 20, contains the following:—

Our last report was dated the 15th instant, per a.s. India. There is no change to report in the state of our market, which remains utterly lifeless, and, so far as the importers are concerned, another blank fortnight has to be recorded.

On the other hand, a small retail business has been done among the Chinese themselves, principally for the Yunnan market, at prices \$1 to \$3 below our present quotations.

As disturbances are still of daily occurrence in the neighbouring provinces, the outlook for the immediate future is far from being bright.

Unsold stocks 28,000 bales. Sold but undelivered in the godown and to arrive 21,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Delta and extra str. Tessa Mori from Bombay, and str. Nansang from Calcutta have brought in 6,121 bales for Hongkong and 11,223 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to coast ports, etc., amount to about 1,500 bales.

Local Mill.—No business to report.

Shanghai.—No change.

Japanese Yarn.—A blank fortnight again.

Raw Cotton, Bengal.—Nothing doing, no stock.

Chinese.—One parcel of 100 bales was booked at \$33 to \$35 per picul, being \$2 below previous quotations. Quotation Bengal at \$29 to \$32, Chinese at \$31 to \$35.

## INFANT MORTALITY.

Statistics from Manila.

The following is from the "Manila Times":—

There were born from July 1, 1910, to June 30, 1911, in the city of Manila 9,180 children, and in the same period 934 little ones who had not reached the age of 30 days died, 3,070 struggled to the age of one year, 599 passed away who were between one and two years, and 517 between two and five years joined the great majority. These are the terrible figures which make it possible to say that the infant mortality in this city—and in the Philippines generally—is fifty per cent. of the total born.

The figures are to be found in the annual report of the bureau of health, and they are the saddest thing in a volume which, happily, is also able to state that the year under review has been one of the most successful in the history of the bureau. The state of the public health, said the writer of the pages which intrude the statistics, was more satisfactory than at any time during the past ten years, while on a later page he remarks that, while epidemics of dangerous communicable diseases may occur in the future the days of panic are over.

The bureau with its organization and experience no longer fears invasions of epidemic diseases. Small-pox can be prevented by vaccination; beriberi can be cured as well as avoided through the use of unpolished rice; cholera can be restricted by proper sanitary measures; plague can be prevented by rat extermination. The condition of things in June 1911, was such as to encourage the statement that the energy and resources of the bureau, which had hitherto been necessarily spent in combating dangerous communicable diseases, may now be directed toward the improvement of general and special conditions. Among much else that is interesting the report contains a reference to the "boat population." Manila, like other oriental cities, has a boat population that is separate and apart from the people of the city. They are continually shifting from one place to another with their boat houses, and have to be dealt with separately in sanitary matters. These people belong to the poorer class, and are not careful of their food and water which makes them a "boating-menace" during epidemics of communicable diseases. There is

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| TIENTSIN                     | CHEONGSHING | Sunday, 31st Mar., D'light. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI        | NAMSANGI    | Monday, 1st April, 3 P.M.   |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | FOOKSANG    | Monday, 1st April, Noon.    |
| SHANGHAI                     | HANGSANG    | Tuesday, 2nd April, Noon.   |
| MANILA                       | YUENSANG    | Saturday, 6th April, 2 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI                     | KWONGSANG   | Thursday, 4th April, Noon.  |

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (Occupying 24 days).  
The steamers "Kut ang," "Namsang" and "Fooksang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A daily qualified surgeon is also carried.  
Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin, via Chingwantan.

§ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kaitai, Latad, Dulu, Siam, etc., Tawao, Udon, Jesselton and Labuan.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD.  
Telephone No. 215.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1912.

"SHIRE" LINE OF  
STEAMERS LD.PROJECTED HOMEWARD SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

| For                        | Steamers      | Date of Departure |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| LONDON & ANTWERP           | DEN OF GLAMIS | 2nd April.        |
| LONDON ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP | FLINTSHIRE    | 10th May.         |

Most steamers have excellent accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is directed to the moderate fares charged.

\* Does not carry Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1912.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO,  
AND  
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF  
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,  
AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,  
HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.  
WEEK-END SERVICE.

Commencing on the 30th instant and until further notice a Week-End Service will be arranged. The s.s. "HEUNGSHAN" will leave Hongkong at 10 P.M., on SATURDAY, 30th instant, for Canton and the s.s. "HONAM" will depart from Canton at 4 P.M., on SUNDAY, 31st inst.

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1651. S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651.

Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

## MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 31st MARCH.

The Company's Steamship.

## "SUI AN"

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 A.M. Departure from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

## FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

## CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 P.M. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tues., Thurs., & Satur., at 4.30 P.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF  
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

## CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 589 Tons, and "NANNING," 569 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted), 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Further particulars may be obtained at the office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HOTEL MANSION (FIRST FLOOR),  
Opposite the Bank of China.

## Shipping

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

| Destinations                                                                  | Steamers                                                                         | Sailing Dates                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID | KAGA MARU, Capt. G. Tabusa, T. 7,000<br>ATSUTA MARU, Capt. W. Thompson, T. 9,000 | WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Daylight<br>WEDNESDAY, 21st April, Daylight. |
| VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOMP, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA | SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000<br>SAWA MARU, Capt. Iizawa, T. 7,000    | TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon<br>TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon.        |
| BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO                                              | COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Tanaka, T. 5,000                                          | WEDNESDAY, 3rd April.                                               |
| SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY, ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE      | KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000<br>YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Soine, T. 5,000 | FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon<br>WEDNESDAY, 10th May, Noon.           |
| KOBE & YOKOHAMA                                                               | MIZUAKI MARU, Capt. Mami, T. 9,000<br>YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Soine, T. 5,000      | THURSDAY, 11th April, at 11 A.M.<br>WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon. |
| SHANGHAI & KOBE                                                               | TENSHIN MARU, Capt. C. Mori, T. 4,000                                            | SATURDAY, 14th April.                                               |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA                                               | HAKATA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, T. 6,000                                           | WEDNESDAY, 10th April.                                              |

† Cargo only.

† Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN  
KOBE and CALCUTTA.

Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:

MIKE MARU ...Tons 4,000...Capt. K. Kikkawa...April 12th.

## 1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

## FOR EUROPE.

| Steamer       | Tons  | Captain      | From Hongkong. |
|---------------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| KAGA MARU     | 7,000 | M. Tabusa    | April 10th.    |
| ATSUTA MARU   | 9,000 | Wm. Thompson | April 24th.    |
| HITACHI MARU  | 7,000 | T. Yamawaki  | May 8th.       |
| MIYASAKI MARU | 9,000 | T. Mura      | May 22nd.      |
| KITANO MARU   | 9,000 | F. E. Cope   | June 5th.      |

## FOR SEATTLE.

| Steamer       | Tons  | Captain     | From Hongkong. |
|---------------|-------|-------------|----------------|
| SANUKI MARU   | 7,000 | I. Ishikawa | April 9th.     |
| AWA MARU      | 7,000 | T. Iizawa   | April 23rd.    |
| SADO MARU     | 7,000 | K. Asakawa  | May 7th.       |
| YOKOHAMA MARU | 7,000 | —           | May 21st.      |

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply to the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chat-Bank.

T. KUSUMOTO,  
Manager.CHINA NAVIGATION  
CO., LTD.

## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

| For                        | Steamers   | To Sail             |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| SHANGHAI                   | "ANHUI"    | 30th Mar., M'night. |
| TSINGTAU, CHEFOO & NEWCHOW | "KIUKIANG" | 31st .. D'light.    |
| SWATOW, NINGPO & SHANGHAI  | "ICHANG"   | 31st .. D'light.    |
| AMOI, WEIHAWEI & TIENTSIN  | "HUICHOW"  | 1st April, 4 P.M.   |
| MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO      | "KAIFONG"  | 2nd .. 4 P.M.       |
| SHANGHAI                   | "CHENAN"   | 4th .. 4 P.M.       |
| HAIIPHONG                  | "SUNKIANG" | 5th .. 10 A.M.      |
| SHANGHAI                   | "LINAN"    | 6th .. M'night.     |

## DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI"

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Austral in New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA LINE.—Two "one" steamers "Tea" and "Tang" sailoon accommodation; electric fans fitted; extra state-rooms on deck, etc. Sabon accommodation of s.s. "Kallong" is situated on deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE.—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anand, Chana, Lion, Chikawa), with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday day Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45; Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telephone No. 24.  
HONGKONG, 20th March, 1912.

## Shipping

HAMBURG-AMERIKA  
LINIE.IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
Deutsche Dampfschiffahrts Gesellschaft "HANSA."EAST ASIATIC SERVICE,  
Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,  
via STRAITS and COLOMBO,to  
Marseilles, Havre, Bremen and Hamburg and New York.

Taking Cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa, and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and R. etc., and all North and South American Ports.

## Next Sailings from Hongkong:

## OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe &amp; Yokohama:

S.S. C. F. LAEISZ 6th April

S.S. STITHONIA 20th April

S.S. SLAVONIA 20th April

S.S. BAYERN 5th May

For Further Particulars, apply to—

## HOMEWARD.

For Havre &amp; Hamburg:

S.S. BELGRAVIA 11th April

For Marseilles, Havre &amp; Hamburg:

S.S. SAHSEN 20th April

For Rotterdam, Hamburg &amp; Antwerp:

S.S. Q. J. D. AHLERS 6th May

For Havre, Bremen &amp; Hamburg:

S.S. C. F. LAEISZ 10th May

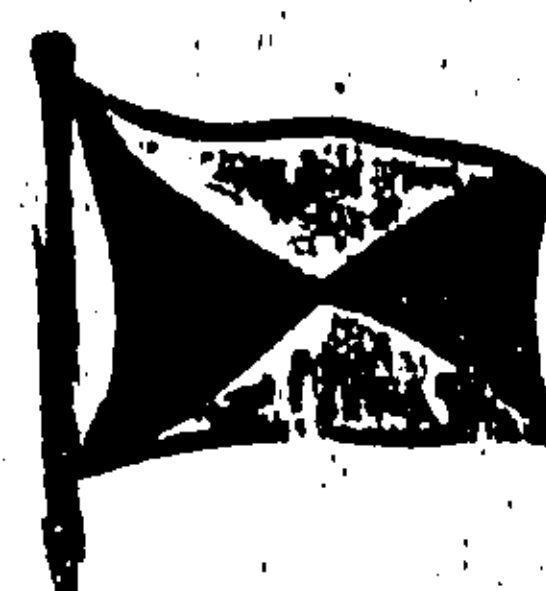
For Rotterdam, Hamburg &amp; Antwerp:

S.S. ARCADIA 31st May.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1912.

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HONGKONG—  
PHILIPPINES.PHILIPPINES  
STEAMSHIP CO.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain     | For                                | Sailing Date                  |
|-----------|------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ZAFIRO    | 4000 | M. C. Smith | Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu. | MONDAY, 1st April, 4 P.M.     |
| RUBI      | 4000 | S. Crosby   | Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu. | WEDNESDAY, 10th April, 4 P.M. |

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO,  
GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 21st March, 1912.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN  
LIJN.Regular Fortnightly Service between  
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

| Steamer  | From     | Expected on or about | For      | Will leave on or about |
|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Tjilong  | JAVA     | —                    | JAPAN    | 2nd half Mar.          |
| Tjipanas | AMOI     | 2nd half Mar.        | JAVA     | 2nd half Mar.          |
| Tjilatap | JAVA     | 2nd half Mar.        | SHANGHAI | 1st half April         |
| Tjimanok | JAVA     | 1st half April       | JAPAN    | 1st half April         |
| Tjibodas | SHANGHAI | 1st half April       | JAVA     | 1st half April         |
| Tjitarom | JAPAN    | 1st half April       | JAVA     | 1st half April         |
| Tjimahi  | JAVA     | 2nd half April       | JAPAN    | 2nd half April         |

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo on all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

Telephone No. 375  
York Building.

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## TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

## SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe, PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

| Steamer            | Tons   | Captain       | Date of sailing |
|--------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| S.S. "Shinyo Maru" | 21,000 | H. S. Smith   | Apr. 9th, Noon. |
| S.S. "Chiyo Maru"  | 21,000 | W. W. Green   | May 7th, Noon.  |
| S.S. "Nippon Maru" | 11,000 | A. G. Stevens | May 28th, Noon. |
| S.S. "Tenyo Maru"  | 21,000 | E. Bent       | June 4th, Noon. |

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "Shinyo Maru" will be dispatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

## INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The steamer "Nippon Maru" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

## SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.)

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration).

| Steamer       | Tons   | Date of Sailing         |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Buyo Maru     | 10,500 | Tuesday, April 9, Noon. |
| Hongkong Maru | 11,000 | Friday, June 7, Noon.   |
| Kiyo Maru     | 17,000 | Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon. |

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

K. MATSUDA, Agent

(KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

## THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Famous Districts with an area of 30,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. O. GULLAND, Esq.,  
Manager, Imperial Bank of China,  
Hongkong, 20th Jan., 1912.

[11] Hongkong, 27th March, 1912.

## LOG BOOK.

The Diesel Marine Engine.

The trials took place at Copenhagen on February 1 of the Diesel motor liner Selandia which has been built in the yards of Messrs. Burmeister and Wains at Copenhagen, for the Far Eastern service of the East Asiatic Company. The new vessel, which gave the utmost satisfaction, maintained a speed of over 13 knots. An extensive series of evolutions were carried out, the orders telegraphed to the motor room being responded to with the greatest celerity, both engines working noiselessly, and reversing or increasing their speed from astern or slow, to full ahead, without a hitch. As she returned to the harbour, all work was stopped to see how the strange craft would come alongside the wharf at which she was to be berthed, but the evolution was executed with the greatest ease, and the vessel brought alongside as easily as a steam launch.

The following are some of the details of the new vessel, kindly supplied by the local agents:—Length, 370-ft., breadth, 53 feet, depth, moulded, 40-ft.

The motor room, which is situated at the after end of the midship section, occupies a space only 43-ft. 9-in. in length. Oil fuel is carried in the double bottom, which is also available for water ballast, and in specially constructed tanks, a total of 1,002 tons being carried. Her deadweight capacity on a draft of 23 feet is 6,000 tons, and the cubic capacity of the holds 370,200 cubic feet. The vessel carries a crew of 24 all told, consisting of the captain and three officers, three engine-room officers, one electrician, four engine-room assistants, two fitters, carpenter, boatswain, four sailors and stewards. The Selandia left shortly afterwards for London and Genoa, on her maiden trip to the Far East. There was launched on February 10, to the order of the same company, the motor liner Klona, which is a sister ship to the Selandia and will be similarly equipped.

## MOVING HOUSE.

This is the time of year when, as in the spring, the Spirit of Adventure is abroad. Our blood courses more hotly through our veins, and we begin to ponder over deeds of derring-do. That is why, as the house agents' statistics inform us, people move house (or flat, as the case may be) more frequently than they used to. One household with whom we are acquainted, changes its residence every year, but it is only the True Adventurer—the lineal descendant of Drake and the Elizabethan freebooters—who can rise to such heights of hardness. It requires a noble, no less than an equable, spirit to encounter and endure the thousand and one dangers, the myriad inconveniences which encompass the path of the house-mover. Assuredly, it is not an enterprise to be undertaken lightly, nor a Quest to be easily achieved by any save such as are indifferent to luxury and rather welcome than dislike the hazards attendant on a bold adventure. It is such men who have built up the Empire and made England what she is. They are of the true Bulldog breed, like Ulysses, of whom Tennyson wrote, "For always roaming with a hungry heart, Much have I seen and known; And, indeed, however uncomfortable it may be for his family, we cannot refuse our tribute of admiration for the intrepid Wanderer whom no difficulties can daunt, and who, perils year after year, in his pursuit of the 'Ideal Home,' which, we need hardly add, is never to be found. But this is the story of a man who is to be the 'Ideal Home'."

## THE PARIS TOILET CO., LD.

(In Liquidation).

## FOR SALE.

THE business of Hairdressers and Barbers as a going concern, including Stock in trade, Furniture, Fittings, Fixtures, Goodwill, etc., including Book Debts.

Particulars can be had on application to the Undersigned, to whom all enquiries and offers should be addressed.

J. HENNESSY SEITH,  
Liquidator.

No. 5, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1912.

[11] Hongkong, 27th March, 1912.



## Exchange

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| Selling.                              |           | Buying.                               |            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1/T. ....                             | 1/11 1/16 | 4 m/s. L/O .....                      | 1/11 9/16  |
| Demand .....                          | 1/11      | 4 m/s. D/P .....                      | 1/11 11/16 |
| 80 d/s .....                          | 1/11 8/16 | 8 m/s. L/O .....                      | 1/11 11/16 |
| 60 d/s .....                          | 1/11 1/4  | 80 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne 1/11 13/16 |            |
| 4 m/s. ....                           | 1/11 5/16 | 80 d/s. San Foo & New York .....      | 47 1/2     |
| T/T. Shanghai .....                   | 72 1/2    | 4 m/s. Marks .....                    | 30 1/2     |
| T/T. Singapore .....                  | 82 1/2    | 4 m/s. Francs .....                   | 2 47/8     |
| T/T. Japan .....                      | 94        | 1 m/s. do .....                       | 2 49/8     |
| T/T. India .....                      | 140 1/2   | Bar Silver, ready .....               | 23 1/2     |
| Demand India .....                    | 149 1/2   | forward .....                         | 26 13/16   |
| Demand, Manila .....                  | 94 1/2    | Bank of England rate .....            | 8 1/2      |
| 1/T. San Francisco and New York ..... | 46 1/2    | Sovereign .....                       | \$10.35    |
| T.T. Java .....                       | 116 1/2   |                                       |            |
| T.T. Marks .....                      | 197       |                                       |            |
| T.T. Francs .....                     | 242 1/2   |                                       |            |

| Subsidiary Coins.             |           | Opium Quotations.     |                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
|                               |           | Mar. 30.              |                  |
| Discount per \$100;           |           | Malwa, New .....      | \$3,475 per pic. |
| Chinese ...20 cts. pieces ... | \$7½      | Malwa, Old.....       | 3,500 "          |
| Chinese ...10 " ...           | \$7 15/16 | Malwa, V. Old ...     | 3,575 "          |
| Hongkong, 20 " ...            | \$6½      | Persian, fine quality | 1,800 "          |
| Hongkong, 10 " ...            | \$7½      | Patna, New.....       | 4,200 per che.   |
|                               |           | Patna, Old .....      | 4,100 "          |
|                               |           | Bonares, New .....    | 4,200 "          |
|                               |           | Bonares, Old .....    | 4,100 "          |

## SHARE REPORT.

| STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.    | CLOSING<br>PRICES. | LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.                                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BANKS.</b>              |                    |                                                                  |
| Hongkong & Shanghai \$125  | \$855 ss.          | \$25.00 at or 1/10 equal to \$24.27 for 1 year ending 31-12-11   |
|                            | \$83               | \$2 equal \$22.82 for 1 year ending 30 June 1911                 |
| <b>MARINE INSURANCES:</b>  |                    |                                                                  |
| Canton \$50                | \$200 b.           | \$16 for 1910                                                    |
| North China £5             | 1150               | Interim of 10/- for 1910                                         |
|                            |                    | Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1910  |
| Unions \$100               | \$860 ss.          | \$12 for 1 09 and Int. of \$8 on account of 1910                 |
| Yangtze £50                | \$210              | \$7 & b's of \$2 for 1910                                        |
| <b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>    |                    |                                                                  |
| China Fire \$20            | \$126 b.           | \$27 for 1910                                                    |
| Hongkong Fire \$50         | \$852 ss.          |                                                                  |
| <b>SHIPPING.</b>           |                    |                                                                  |
| China & Manila \$25        | \$111              | \$1 for 1906                                                     |
| Douglas Steamships \$50    | \$21               | 5 p.c. for year end'g 30-6-11                                    |
| Steamboats \$15            | \$26 b.            | Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31-12-11                    |
| Indo-Chinas (Preferred) £5 | \$77 ss.           | 3% final making 6% for 1908 6% div. for 1909 on preferred shares |
| (Deferred)                 |                    | 1/- per share Coupon No 15 2/8 per share Coupon No. 16 for 1910. |
| "Shell" Transports £1      | 96/3               | Div. 7 p. c. 1/2 for year end-Bon. 5 p. c. 1/2 ing 30-4-11       |
| "Star Ferry" \$10          | \$11 b.            |                                                                  |
| \$5                        | \$29 b.            |                                                                  |
|                            | \$18 b.            |                                                                  |
| <b>REFINERIES:</b>         |                    |                                                                  |
| China Sugars \$100         | \$108 b.           | \$10 for 1910                                                    |
| Union Sugars \$100         | \$80 b.            | \$3 for 1907                                                     |
| <b>MINING:</b>             |                    |                                                                  |
| Chinese Engineering £1     | 86/-               | Interim of 1/- on account for year ending 28-2-11 (Coupon No.16) |

|                           |        |          |     |  |                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|-----|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tronols                   | £1     | 74/-     |     |  |                                                                                                   |
| Raubs                     | £1     | £4 1/2   | a.  |  | 1s. 2d. per share on 150,000                                                                      |
| DOCKS, WHARVES, & G'DOWNS |        |          |     |  |                                                                                                   |
| Kowloon Wharfs            | \$50   | \$57     |     |  | \$8 for year ending 31.12.11                                                                      |
| H. K. & W'poa Docks       | \$50   | \$48     | b.  |  | \$1 final dividend for year 1912                                                                  |
| Shanghai Docks            | T. 100 | T.55     |     |  | Tls. 2 1/2 for 1910                                                                               |
| Hongkew Wharfs            | T. 100 | T.87     |     |  | Final Tls. 4 for 1910                                                                             |
| LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS |        |          |     |  |                                                                                                   |
| Anglo French Lands        | T.100  | T.94     | b.  |  | Tls. 6 2 1/2-10                                                                                   |
|                           |        | \$106    | b.  |  | \$8 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31.12.11                                    |
| Hongkong Hotels           | \$50   | \$67     | b.  |  | Interim div. of \$ 1/4 for 1911                                                                   |
| Hongkong Lands            | \$100  | \$100    | b.  |  | 40 cents for 1911                                                                                 |
| Humphreys Estates         | \$10   | \$64     | b.  |  | \$2.75 for 1911                                                                                   |
| Kowloon Lands             | \$80   | \$84     | sa. |  | 5% for half year to 30.6.11, Interim div. of \$2 for 1911 and final of \$2 making \$4.00 for 1911 |
| Shanghai Lands            | T. 80  | T.87     |     |  | 15 per cent. for 1910                                                                             |
| West Points               | \$50   | \$59 1/2 | b.  |  |                                                                                                   |
| Manila M'pole Hotel       | P.10   | P.8      |     |  |                                                                                                   |

| COTTON MILLS       |       |        |                                                                                                                                                |
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| Ewos               | T. 50 | T. 88  | T4 for year ended 31-10-10;<br>T7 for year ended 20-12-10;<br>50 cents 31-7-08                                                                 |
| Hongkong Cottons   | \$10  | \$5    | sa.                                                                                                                                            |
| MISCELLANEOUS      |       |        |                                                                                                                                                |
| China-Borneo       | \$12  | \$94   | b.                                                                                                                                             |
| Light and Power    | \$10  | \$1.25 | b.                                                                                                                                             |
| Do. (Spec. shares) | \$1   |        | b.                                                                                                                                             |
| China Providents   | \$10  | \$71   | sa.                                                                                                                                            |
| Dairy Farms        | \$6   | \$204  | b.                                                                                                                                             |
|                    |       | \$4.50 | a.                                                                                                                                             |
| Green Islands      | \$10  |        |                                                                                                                                                |
|                    |       |        | 70 cents for 1911                                                                                                                              |
|                    |       |        | \$1.25 for year end'g 31-7-11                                                                                                                  |
|                    |       |        | Interim of 15 cents. per<br>share for 1910                                                                                                     |
|                    |       |        | \$1.20 per share and b's<br>of 10 cents                                                                                                        |
| Hongkong Electric  | \$10  | \$22   | b.                                                                                                                                             |
|                    |       |        | Final div. of \$10 for year<br>ending 31-12-11                                                                                                 |
| Hongkong Ice       | \$25  | \$205  |                                                                                                                                                |
| Hongkong Rops      | \$10  | \$17   | b.                                                                                                                                             |
|                    |       |        | \$1 interim account 1911<br>(Special bonr. T. 3 10-1-11<br>Interim div. T. 1 15-3-11<br>Interim div. T. 1 10-6-11<br>Interim div. T. 1 15-3-11 |
| Langkats           | g. 10 | T. 74  |                                                                                                                                                |

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| Morning Post          | \$25          | \$22   | None                                                                               |
| Peak Tramway          | \$10          | \$12½  | 80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on ½ paid shares for year ending 30-4-11 |
| Do. (new)             | \$1           | \$1.10 | None                                                                               |
| Phillips lines        | \$10          | \$5 b. | None                                                                               |
| H. Price & Co., Ltd.  | \$10          | \$12b. | \$1.50 for 1910                                                                    |
| Societe des Preferees | \$50          | \$87½  | First year                                                                         |
| Pulpa et              | paid up \$50. |        | No dividend this year                                                              |
| Papeteries du Tonkin  | Beneft        | \$400  | 50 cts. for year ending 30-5-11                                                    |
| Banghal-Sumatra       | T. 20         | \$110  |                                                                                    |
| Steam Laundry         | \$5           | \$8    |                                                                                    |

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| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd..... | \$10 | \$10  | } 15 per cent. per ordinary share for year ended 31-5-1911 |
| United Asbestos Foundries Share ...       | \$10 | \$300 |                                                            |
| Union Waterboat                           | \$10 | 57    | b. 75 cents. per share for year ending 31-12-1911          |
| Weismann, Ltd.                            | \$10 | \$45  | b. 10 per cent. for year ended 31-7-10                     |
| Watson                                    | \$10 | \$51  | b. 80 cents for 1910                                       |
| William Powell                            |      | 95    | b.                                                         |

Commenced at 2 p.m. March 20, 1911. **WRIGHT AND HORNBY, Share**  
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SHORT SERMON.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.—1 John, iv, 16.

Vivid in the writer's memory is a certain page from the book of his boyhood.

The scene was a village church, where an old-fashioned religious "revival" was in progress. It was Sunday evening; the place was crowded and the preacher was bringing to its close a strenuous sermon.

He had painted a striking picture of a "jealous" God. He was pale and panting.

"If there is any one in this congregation who wants to go to hell, stand up!" he shouted. The writer turned to his grown-up-companion, terrified.

"Does God send some people to the bad place?" he whispered, half-choking with fear.

There was no answer, but the kindly put of a warm hand calmed the little storm.

All of which was revived by reading certain excerpts from Harold Boggie's recent book, "Other Sheep," which deals largely with the religious situation in India to-day.

In brief, the English layman, who is a keen observer, tells how the Salvation Army is meeting with greater success in the work of Christianizing India than any other missionary agency, and chiefly because it is preaching and teaching a God of love.

He says the Hindus cannot understand why it should be necessary to pray to a "benign and loving Heaven-Father," regarding such an act as "superfluous or of the nature of an insult; whereas, surely, it is just in evil deities—that poor and defenceless humanity should humble itself before those black and awful powers which afflict it with a chastisement utterly unthinkable from a God of Love."

"They have attempted to teach the Indian," writes Mr. Boggie, "what it is impossible for a rational man to believe or for an honest man to prove—that a Creator who is perfect goodness and perfect love requires to be moved by prayer before he will act with ordinary kindness toward his creatures; and that prayer to such a God, faithfully prayed, will do away with all the distresses of humanity."

"The Indian still thinks that our religion implies a God who made the world and plundered it; who, having made it, repented of his work and left the devil to do with it what he would; and who afterward incarnated himself for a few years and failed to overcome the power of his adversary."

He also tells how a young Hindu, educated at Oxford, once said to him, "If the missionaries had talked to us more of salvation and less of damnation, Christianity would have made real progress among our educated people long before now."

So, among those far-away "children," mentally speaking, has been engendered somewhat the same wonder which terrorized the boy mentioned,—wondering if a loving Father would cast into hell!

On the other hand, the "hopeful and persuasive tone" of the Salvation Army's teaching, and the "earnestness, humility and native simplicity of its teachers," have, according to this observer, brought extraordinary success to its efforts.

It is preaching a Father who loves and wants to be loved; a Father who is ever ready and waiting to forgive and forget; a Father whose perfect love needs but to be accepted as men accept and use the air around them. And winning thousands through such preaching.

It is setting an example not only for the active religious world, but for all men and women,—an example of winning through light and love, which in every land, are more potent saviors than hate and hell-fire. And in every life, as well!

SECRET SOCIETIES AND HEALTH.

We were reading a computation made by actuaries as to

which is the most healthy occupation, and we were not surprised that "member of Secret Society" did not head the list. To belong to a secret society must be extremely unhealthy. Delightfully sinister and all that, but unhealthy. You cannot, we mean, be continually eating compromising letters and retain, at the same time, anything like an intact digestion. The large majority of the world's secret society membership has been swallowing such notes at the rate of two or three thousand words a day. It is seldom that such members face the risks of detection. They would desire to do so, for any fate is preferable to the slow torture of acute dyspepsia. Their doctors beg them to cease consuming reams of newspaper. But the thing goes on, because tradition demands that it shall. Secret society people are regular sticklers for etiquette. Unless, whenever there is a ring at the flat-door, they do not mutter "Hiss!" and cram a closely-written sheet of superior Club-wove into their mouths, they feel that their day has been wasted, and that they might just as well have been playing a round of innocuous golf. To end this unhygienic state of affairs we suggest that secret society letters shall be written on paper made of digestive tablets beaten out thin; a sort of eupptic paper-mache. Any chemist ought to be able to prepare the stuff. And then the insurance premium upon members could be very considerably reduced.—The "Globe."

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month. The first prize is one of \$10 and the second is one of \$5.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

Give Everyone a Chance.

Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issue of March 1.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

March 30, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

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POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hague, Hunan and Tengyueh.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

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| March 7.    | March 22.    |
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| March 13.   | March 29.    |

MAILS DUE.

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| Siberian, Princess Alice, 1st prox. |
| American, Siberia, 1st prox.        |
| American, Chiyo Maru, 29th prox.    |
| German, Kleist, 5th prox.           |
| American, China, 8th prox.          |
| American, Manchuria, 19th prox.     |

MAILS CLOSE.

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| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailan, 31st Mar., 9 a.m.     |
| Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daijin-maru, 31st Mar., 9 a.m. |
| Singapore and Colombo—Per Oriental, 31st Mar., 9 a.m.      |
| Saigon—Per Telemachus, 31st Mar., 9 a.m.                   |

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| Swatow—Per Potchani, 31st Mar., 9 a.m.                             |
| Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Hongkong, 1st April, 9 a.m. |

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| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Fookang, 1st April, 11 a.m. |
| Swatow—Per Heimen, 1st April, noon.                            |
| Macao—Per Sui Tai, 1st April, 1.15 p.m.                        |

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| Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Nansang, 1st April, 2 p.m. |
| Manila, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Zafiro, 1st April, 3 p.m.  |

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| Yokohama and Kobe—Per Mattra, 1st April, 3 p.m.             |
| Amoy, Welialwai and Tientsin—Per Huochow, 1st April, 3 p.m. |

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| Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, EUROPE, &c., VIATUTICORIN—(Late letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Princess Alice, 2nd April, 11 a.m. |
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| Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Korea, 2nd April, 10 a.m. |
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| Shanghai—Per Hangsang, 2nd April, 10 a.m.                        |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lightning, 2nd April, 10 a.m. |

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| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailan, 2nd April, 10 a.m. |
| Macao—Per Sui Tai, 2nd April, 1.15 p.m.                 |

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| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kailong, 2nd April, 3 p.m. |
| Shanghai—Per Kwongsang, 4th April, 11 a.m.             |

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| Shanghai—Per Chienan, 4th April, 3 p.m.                                    |
| Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Sydney and Melbourne—Per Aldenham, 5th April, 9 a.m. |

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| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailang, 5th April, 10 a.m.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Islands, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Empress, 6th April, 11 a.m. |

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| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Yucasang, 6th April, 1 p.m. |
| Swatow—Per Hailan, 7th April, 9 a.m.                    |

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| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailang, 7th April, 10 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailang, 9th April, 10 a.m. |

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| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Yucasang, 9th April, 1 p.m. |
| Swatow—Per Hailan, 7th April, 9 a.m.                    |

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Manila, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Ruby, 10th April, 8 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco—Per Siberia, 16th April, noon.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Angaur, Yap, Fideich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabel, Harbertshof, Matapi, Bismarck, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Prinz Waldemar, 20th April, 8 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The H. A. L. s.s. O. Ford, Laeas left Singapore on the 29th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox., p.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Waldemar left Manila on Thursday, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst., at 9 a.m.

The s.s. Chiyo Maru with U. S. mails, sailed from San Francisco on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 23rd prox.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Laeas, from Singapore, is due at Hongkong on the 4th prox., and leaves for Straits and Calcutta on the 9th prox.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Hangsang, from Shanghai via Swatow, is due at Hongkong on the 23rd inst., and leaves for Shanghai on the 2nd prox.

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